

REMARKS

Specific support for all of the newly submitted claims may be found in the Detailed Description of the invention, especially at pages 49-55, 57-64, the sequences disclosed at pages 69-83 and the original claim 120-130, 227-229, and 234 et seq.

Favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

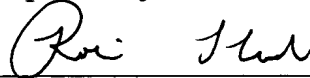
If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or this application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees

be credited, to the Account of Crowell & Moring, LLP, P.L.L.C., Deposit Account No.
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